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Gladys Lucy Adshead 1896-1985

Hilda McLeod Jacob

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ADSHEAD, Gladys

b. England

June 17, 1943

Miss Gladys Adshead
c/o Oxford University Press
114 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Miss Adshead:

Your charming book, CASCO, was ordered at once upon publication, and is included in our traveling libraries which go out to readers all over the state. It is a delightful story; and we are especially interested to read that it is based on an actual Maine coast occurrence.

Is this true? If it is, perhaps you will be interested to know of the Maine Author Collection, an exhibit of over a thousand books written by Maine people, or about the state. The books are inscribed presentation copies, with inscriptions often amusing, enlightening, and always original. CASCO's background would indicate that the book would be a perfect addition to such an exhibit. We do not know whether we can claim you as a Maine-born author; but we hope that you may want to inscribe and present a copy of CASCO to the Maine Author Collection.

Our best wishes for its continued success.

Very truly yours

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MISS GLADYS L. ADSHEAD
34 STANTON ROAD
BROOKLINE, MASSACHUSETTS

July 8, 1943

Mrs F. W. Jacob
Maine State Library
Augusta.

Dear Mrs Jacob,

Thank you very much for your good letter about "Casco" & forgive me for not writing before. Your letter came the day I was going away & now I am up to the eyebrows in the horrid job of sorting, packing & storing after a residence of nine years. A copy of Casco will be coming to you shortly. Don't despair of his arrival if there is some delay; it will be because I'm

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waiting for that "original inscription." The very idea of being original at this point scares me stiff, my mind running along "Martha" tracks very decidedly just now. "Casco" this author will be proud that he is in the Maine Author Collection.

No, I am not Maine born, but British born whence a lover of the sea & the coast in all their phases - & of course of Maine. The incident of the baby seal & the long-nosed collie is quite true. I saw snapshots of them together & learned all my facts while staying at Casco Bay. Unfortunately, the true story is that the baby died in spite of the care, because he was too young. Poetic license justified the making of Casco reach the age of six weeks before he lost his mother. The fact about the richness of cat's milk I gleaned at Boothbay fish hatchery - the trouble is it would take an untold number of cats to feed a baby seal!!

Sincerely yours, Gladys L. Adelshead

July 16, 1943

Miss Gladys L. Adshead
34 Stanton Road
Brookline, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Adshead:

Thank you for your friendly response to our inquiries, and also for the delightfully inscribed gift copy of CASCO, which we are adding to the Maine Author Collection with great pleasure.

It is a joy to include in our traveling libraries for young readers books of absorbing interest and authenticity. CASCO should make many friends with his forthright personality and unusual adventures.

Please accept our thanks for your generous interest, and also our cordial invitation to visit the library and see the Maine Author Collection, should you be in this vicinity. May Casco's circle of acquaintances widen constantly!

Very truly yours

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